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An asphalt roofing structure in the form of either a roll or a shingle is made up of an asphaltic base and a filler which are applied to a substrate form. The composition used to make roofing structure also contains from 1 to 10% of hydrated lime which imparts improved strength and durability to the composition. The hydrated lime can be added directly to the asphaltic base of the composition either with the filler, or with filler added after mixing the asphalt and hydrated lime.

IN THE CLAIMS: Please amend Claims 1, 3-4, 8-12, 14-15 and 19-21 as shown below. Please cancel Claims 2, 13 and 22-36. The unamended claims are also reproduced for the convenience of the Examiner. The claims with underlining and brackets are included as an attachment hereto.

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1. (Once amended) An asphalt roofing structure, comprising:

a substrate form selected from the group consisting of roll roofing and shingle substrates;

an asphalt composition applied to the substrate form, the asphalt composition comprising a heated mixture of an asphaltic base and filler; and

wherein the asphalt composition also has included therein an amount of hydrated lime sufficient to improve tear strength and durability properties of the asphalt structure, the hydrated lime comprising an alkaline earth metal hydroxide selected from a group consisting of Ca(OH)_2 , Mg(OH)_2 , and $\text{Ca(OH)}_2\text{Mg(OH)}_2$.

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2. (Cancel) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the alkaline earth metal hydroxide is selected from a group consisting of Ca(OH)_2 , Mg(OH)_2 , and $\text{Ca(OH)}_2\text{Mg(OH)}_2$.